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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : FLORIN et al  
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**RULE 312 AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 17, 2004

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert This non-provisional application claims the benefit of  
U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/249,282 filed November 17, 2000.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account  
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